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Jamie Bishop, Early Childhood Education Faculty

Starfish Award Recipient: 2022, 2016

Nominated by Allison Halbert

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

Jamie is outstanding. I had her years back when I started my ECE degree and was stressed out, but her classes made it, so I gained confidence. She sincerely takes time to know and understand each of her students.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

I came back to KCC after a 3-year break and my final two classes were with her. Not only do I work with her now in my career, but she helped me gain the confidence in myself to be an educator. Jamie was more than accommodating and talked to me in a way of being equal and open instead of my teacher. I wish I could take more classes with her; she is fabulous and the best teacher I have ever had.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

I was terrified to do my internship (I don't work in a classroom) and after my observation she said "I know the preschool isn't your thing, BUT I wanted to say that I will support you in any way in this field because the ECE world deserves to have someone like you in it" that gave me the biggest push of my life to not only power through my internship, but also become an ECE mentor at my job and I achieved being on the Presidents List this semester.

Greg Bright, Chemistry/Environmental Science Adjunct Professor
Nominated by Faith Wood

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

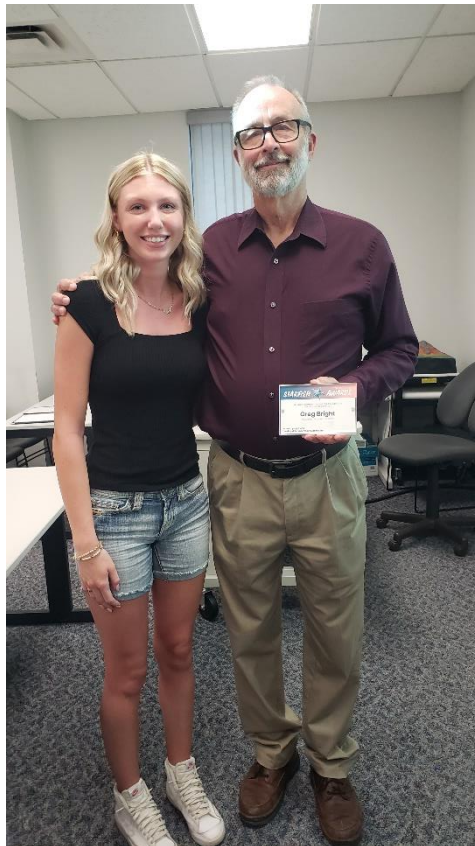
He is one of the most influential teachers I have ever had, and he cares about each of his students.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

He helped me understand the topics I struggled with and spent the time to go over things the class did not understand multiple times.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

When I struggled badly on a quiz, he talked the class through each question and explained how to reach the answer.



Lisa Harvey, Nursing Faculty

Nominated by Anisa Abdulla

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

She has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, compassion, and patience in their teaching approach. Professor has created a supportive learning environment that fosters growth and encourages students to reach their full potential.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

I am proud to say that I finished nursing school because of her exceptional guidance and support.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

I struggled in Fundamentals of Nursing as I was in postpartum and felt like giving up, but knowing I would have her again next year gave me the motivation to retake the class. [OB]



Lisa Harvey, Nursing Faculty

Nominated by Salarrium Jones

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

The foundation of nursing begins with learning in Fundamentals. I can honestly say that my foundation is strong because of her. She made me push for greatness and strive for perfection. She made sure that the concepts and objectives were understood. She made me want to be a good nurse. I take everything she taught me with me. I can still hear her voice in my head when I answer an NCLEX question or take a test. She is truly a dedicated teacher, and I will never forget her.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

She helped me understand the fundamentals of nursing so that I could build on it.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

She was always honest and straightforward. She gave the best advice for pursuing an internship. She always made sure that she visited a clinical site that we were treated fairly and had every opportunity to learn. Not to mention her stories, case studies, and scenarios were always filled with information we would need and use. She never made me feel bad about not knowing something. She always pointed me in the direction of how to seek the answer and understand it.

Kim Madsen, Business Faculty

Starfish Award Recipient: 2014

Nominated by Ashleigh Simon

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

She is just overall an amazing professor. I have had so many of her classes and always enjoyed how she teaches.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

I have had so many classes I would not have gotten this certificate without her.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

She is very organized and helpful with my questions and concerns.

Marci Morgan, Nursing Faculty

Nominated by Mary Stephens

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

For being amazing and supportive during the nursing program.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

She created the difference between passing and failing by taking the extra time I needed to break down the challenging items for me and the class.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

Classes are packed with items to learn and get through, but she would take the time to slow it down and explain the concepts, so we understood it.

Jennifer Rodriguez, Nursing Faculty & Interim Director

Nominated by Brandi Suttles

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

She went above and beyond just teaching! She made sure I understood the content. Video chats, extra meetings and really taking the time to explain the nursing process.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

I got through pediatric nursing because of her.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

She offered extra meetings, video chats, study meetings, exam review to ensure we were supported and understood the materials.



Penny Rose, Graphic Design Faculty

Starfish Award Recipient: 2011

Nominated by Hanna Nichols

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

She has always believed in students for their abilities in graphic design. She has helped support me in ways that no one can understand. I am very thankful for being able to work as her student worker that has enhanced my knowledge and skills.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

She picked me to be her student worker which has given me so much knowledge about how to help clients, how to work through problems in marketing, and how to help students just like me succeed in their own paths.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

She teaches high schoolers in two classes to help the younger generation come to KCC for graphic design. She makes sure that students who need support get connected to me for tutoring. She always tries to make students aware of their potential and helps push that potential to the next level.



David Smith, Director of Dental Hygiene Education & Clinic

Nominated by Laura Salmeron

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

Dr. David Smith loves to teach his students and is the ideal mentor to follow!

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

Dr. Smith has made a significant impact on my educational experience because he goes above and beyond in his teaching skills. He makes sure we understand the subjects and if we are having troubles, he finds a way to make it understandable.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

He is a DDS, instructor at KCC, program director of dental hygiene, teaches continuing education courses in multiple locations including KCC, seminar speaker for Dental Hygiene Seminars, he is a runner, a fisher, enjoys teaching, loves his dog Ruger and his family too. I appreciate Dr. Smith in everything he does.



Jennifer Smith, Chemistry Faculty

Starfish Award Recipient: 2019

Nominated by Allyson Horton

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

I will always remember the impact Jennifer Smith made on my education while at KCC. I took three of her chemistry classes and she was always so willing to help me no matter what time of day it was.

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

She always makes time for her students. Even during COVID, when everyone was stressed. She has a heart of gold, and you can tell she just wants her students to succeed.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

She would set aside time to have a zoom meeting with me during covid to help me with homework. She would allow me to come to her office hours every day to do homework. She never made me feel bad for asking so many questions or not understanding the homework. [redacted]



Liia Thatcher, Nursing Faculty

Nominated by Mary Stephens

Why are you nominating this person for a Starfish Award?

For being one the most understanding and supportive instructors

What significant impact has this person made on your educational experience at KCC?

One of the best instructors I had throughout the program. Really broke it down and made challenging items easier to understand.

Please provide some examples of how this person has made a difference.

I mean, I passed their class, which is huge! However, I could not have done it with her taking the time to show and explain the concepts.